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# BLUNDER PUT 18 MINERS IN GRAVE DANGERS TRAP, IS FEAR FACING NATION

Lansing Hears Subordinate Urges Members of State Several Survivors So Badly Got Safe Conduct Assurances for Americans.

CONSUL EDWARDS IS ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Special Train Brings 150 More U. S. Citizens Out of Bandit Territory.

killed by Mexican bandits may have gone into the infested territory with safe conduct from the Carranza Government obtained

rection of the State Department.

### CONSULS EXAMINED have grown so great that we cannot live unto ourselves alone. ALL TELEGRAMS TO

enduct for the Americans slaughtered Mexico last Monday without first conulting Secretary Lansing caused a hur- duty ed examination this afternoon of all

sing in giving their reasons for not taknmary action to avenge the deaths eral times that the Americans were

The only telegram sent to Consul Edards on that date was one instructing and to urge upon the Carranza authories the protection of American prop-American miners. It is thought possible, towever, that the Consul may have acted

vinced after examination of various re-ports from El Paso and Juarez that assurances of safety were given the

ater than if the safe conducts had

was stated that this is an im-

ues using every influence to divert te public mind from any thought of fixed intervention. The statement is ill made that the President is deterto give Carranza a "chance" to

along the border.

cory is being raised by the Advantant that partisan politics is better the demonstration in the Senate for drastic policy. This contention in advanced notwithstanding the hat the Democrats themselves ar as privately, and some of them pub-

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PLORIDA-AUGUSTA-CUBA-SOUTH.
ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
All Sted Electric Lighted Trains Daily via

Bar Association to Teach Patriotism.

FOR PREPAREDNESS TO PRESERVE HONOR

800 Lawyers and Judges Navy Officials in Washing-Hear Him and Pay Tribute to Ex-Senator.

through mistaken zeal on the part of and judges. He was praised for his patriotism, for his high abilities, for his at 1:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, The State Department fears that a sincerity and his extraordinary efficiency subordinate may have obtained these by Jacob M. Dickinson of Chicago, Rob., yard workmen and injuring at least assurances without consulting Secre- ert C. Smith, K. C., of Montreal, Supreme Court Justice Aimet F. Jenks and them are expected to die.

Henry L. Stimson.
In responding to these tributes Sena-Root delivered an address described career. It rang with patriotism. It re-viewed, what seemed to Mr. Root, the comfortable disregard of the American people to the principles of liberty upon which the republic was founded. It is generated by a Diesel oli burning stated frankly and directly that the engine. There was no explosive powgreat duty of all Americans is to renew their devotion to liberty, to stir themthe border from Chi- selves from their riches and their ease, and to be prepared to defend their country from outside aggression or insidious foes within. He said :

"Our country, which seems so secure, so peaceful, so certain about its prosresolution charges that Carranza is pects of prosperity and peace, is passing in under the shadow of great responsibilities and great danger to its institu-We are no longer isolated.

"New questions loom up in the horiof the State Department officials subordinates of the Department have obtained assurances of safe of the Department have obtained assurances of safe of the Department of the

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tements, particularly in regard to his statements, particularly in that all men are created with make specification that January 3 was the specification that January 3 was the specification which he received instructions able rights which governments are created from Washington to get safe conducts ated to preserve. On the other hand is the principle that States are created is the principle that States are created is the principle that States are created.

battlefields of Europe.

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**Hurt They Are Likely** to Die.

COURT OF INQUIRY TO DETERMINE CAUSE

ton Hint at a Deliberate Use of Explosives.

the Hotel Astor last night of the State far are unable to explain wrecked the such honors as few men have received while she was being repaired in Dry from that body of distinguished lawyers Dock No. 2 in the New York Navy Yard killing one enlisted man and three

caused the explosion, which was the was gas which had accumulated between the top of the steel battery jars

the type which are equipped with these new batteries, the invention of which we have little or no precedent The hydrogen gas accumulates in top. above a quantity of water, usually

the water supplies.

It is thought probable that workman touched a wrench or a piece

"How are we to meet the future and what is the responsibility of the bar?
"Our people must place themselves upon a foundation of principle. They must renew their loyalty to ideals, and the basic principle is the principle of individual liberty which has grown out of the life of the Anglo-Saxon race and has been waxing strong all the 700 years since the Magna of the plates in the screwing some of the plates in the screwing some of the plates in the details will not be available to the public until he and other navy men who implement the superiors. Lieut. Cooke's report yesterday to Admiral Usher had not definitely decided last night whether or not such a court would be necessary.

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Word from Washington last night said that certain Navy Department of-ficials entertained suspicion that the explosion was one deliberately caused by outside agencies.

"There was not-at least there should not have been-anything aboard the E-2," was the way Rear Admiral Nathaniel R. Usher, commandant of the navy yard, put it in reply to questions, "which could ex-

able incidents of life.

"We must be prepared to defend our individual liberty in two ways. We must be prepared to do it first by force of arms against all external aggression. God knows I love peace, and I despise all foolish and wicked wars, but I do not wish for my country the peace of the crew and yard workmen were aboard the submarine when the explosion happened. Because it was Saturday afternoon some of the E-2's crew of twenty-five men and a few of the yard workmen were not on duty, otherwise the list of dead and injured might have been greater. and injured might have been greater. Lieut, Cooke was merely joited about

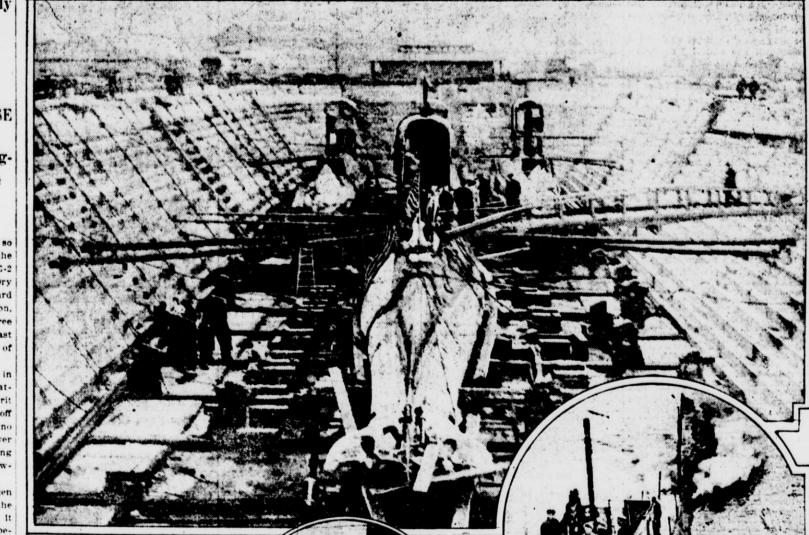
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# ROOT WARNS OF MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION ON THE E-2 IN NAVY YARD WRECKS BOAT, KILLS FOUR MEN AND INJURES TEN AS EDISON'S BATTERIES ARE BEING DISCHARGED



nly theory as to the cause of the ex-losion advanced was that although the

Admiral Usher, who was called away from a luncheon to Congressman Lemuel Padgett at the Republican Club in Manhattan because of the explosion, upon his arrival at the navy yard appointed the following as a board of investigation to look into the causes of the disaster: Lieutenant-Commander Pope Washington, commander of the receiving ship day. When Secretary Daniels was told by

SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION AND THE WRECKED SUBMARINE. A BOVE—General view of Drydock No. 2, taken yesterday, showing the submarine E-2, which was blown up, in the foreground. In the back of the drydock are two submarines of the K class. They were not damaged. Below to right, is a photograph of the E-2, going at full cruising speed. To the left-Thomas A. Edison going down the hatch of the E-2 to inspect his new battery on the occasion of his visit to the navy yard, a few weeks ago.

a reporter for THE SUN that four men had been killed in the submarine explosion at the navy yard he exclaimed:
"What a terrific accident! Four men! Nothing has so upset me before."
Secretary Daniels said that he would not make a formal statement respecting the accident until he had a full and Continued on Sixth Page.

of the New World will allow their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their struggle for liberty against military domination. They will be sure to look to their own history and remember what they said and thought when neutrals expected or demanded that they should break their blockade of the Southern States. If at this stage they threw their weight into the scale against the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World in their influence to be used to democrate people of the Old World will allow their influence to be used to distant the democratic people of the Old World will allow their influence to be used to democrate people of the Old World in their struggle for liberty against military domination. They will be sure to look to their own history and remember what they said and thought when neutrals expected or demanded that they so the old world will allow their influence to be used to democrate people of the Old World will allow their influence to be used to disarm the democratic people of the Old World will allow their influence to be used to democrate people of the Old World will allow their influence to be used to democrate people of the Old World will allow their influence people of the Old World will a

**VON PAPEN'S DATA** 

authorship of the missive.

Denials with regard to various parts of the Von Papen letters were issued. Atwood Violett of Atwood Violett & Co. gave out a statement in behalf of Baron Ernst von Meysenbug, former German Consul at New Orleans, but now a part-struck by the Western Fred Violett was struck by the Western Fred Violett was agreement and the Schrenbug of the agreement and the Schrenbug of the agreement and the Schrenbug of the mean sovereight under intendiate to the utilitude of the biggest of the net trails, the smaller neutral States beg crossing at the Eric Railroad station to chafe under the agreement and the Schrenbug of the mean Schrenbug of the under the utilitude of the utilitude of the biggest of the net to chafe under the agreement and the Schrenbug of the seas Trust would be a surrenbug of the Vollette of the Vollette of the University of the Vollette of the University of the Unive Consul at New Orleans, but now a partner of the company.

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"Enrthermore, these agreements here."

## BLOCKADE OF **GERMANY TO BE** MADE FORMAL

Britain Soon to Issue Declaration Supplanting Orders in Council.

U. S. PRECEDENTS FOR ACTION CITED

London Papers Warn Neutrals-Bid Government Show No Mercy.

cil, on which Great Britain bases her blockade of Germany, will be superseded in the near future by an actual declaration of a blockade, thus more closely approximating American views and American precedents.

The one point established by the press pinions published here is that Great Britain cannot and will not decrease the stringency of her present blockade of German imports and exports, but will inthe war progresses, no matter what posttion may be taken by the United States or other neutral Powers. A strong feelcan protests.

The Pall Mall Gazette, discussing

American press reports regarding the at adopt with regard to the blockade question, says :

If Count von Bernstorff succeeds in United States as one of Germany world, we may expect fresh atta

and nothing will impart to it a sterner temper than any external interference."
"We must not claim," says the West minster Gazette in an editorial, "that the American people are on our side in this conflict, but we find it difficult to believe that the great destreattle people of the New World will allow their influence to be used to state the research. wholly false. Because of his acquaintance with Adolph Pavenstedt, a member of the firm, the firm has from time to time cashed Capt, von Papen's checks on his no book.

of the firm, the firm has from time to time cashed Capt. von Papen's checks on the Riggs Bank at Washington, he having no bank account in New York. These checks were always drawn to Messrs. G.

Amsinek & Co., hearer. per Cumuanua, and officials content by no process of reasoning temperature of the process of the

Write Letter Von Papen Had.

New Orleans, Jan. 15.—Baron Ernest von Meysenbug denics emphatically that he is the author of a letter alleged to have been without the list of the company.

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## KOENIG, ALSO, GOT attache in this country, unless the evi-dence is more definite and conclusive than is indicated in the cable despatches from London. It was pointed out by officials here to-day that it was one thing to have a set of circumstances that ap-pear convincing and quite another thing **VON PAPEN CHECK**

vice of the Hamburg-American Line.

The check books show the receipt by Capt. von Papen of large sums from 'Bernstorff" us well as from "Embassy

on a charge of conspiring with others to blow up the locks of the Welland Canal, connecting Lake Erle and Lake Ontario. Von Wedill was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on February 5 last on a charge of procuring false passports for German reservists. He escaped and it was reported later that he had been taken from the Newwent the had been taken from the Norwegian steamer Ber-gensfjord by British authorities while at-tempting to make his way to Germany. Carl Ruroede, who was indicted with Von Wedill, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the Federal

U. S. ACTION UNLIKELY.

Von Papen Needed. Washington, Jan. 15.—The probability is that the United States will take no formal action in regard to the latest disclosures of the activities of Capt. von Papen, the German military

DENIES HE IS "R. V. M."

# EAGERLY AWAITED